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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1780**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Murray**

February 6, 1998

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An act to amend Sections 15630 and 15633 of, and to add ~~Sections 15630.5 and~~ *Section* 15653.5 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to elder abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1780, as amended, Murray. Elder abuse: reporting requirements.

Existing law defines physical abuse for purposes of reporting elder and dependent adult abuse.

This bill would expand that definition, as specified.

Existing law requires any mandated reporter, as defined, who observes in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, an instance of physical abuse against an elder or dependent adult, to report the abuse under specified circumstances. The report must be made to the local ombudsman or to a local law enforcement agency if the abuse has occurred in a long-term care facility, except as specified. Failure to make a required report is punishable as a misdemeanor.

This bill would expand the definition of mandated reporter, as specified, would delete the specified circumstances under which the above report is required to be made, and would instead require that a report be made when the mandated reporter reasonably suspects that the elder or dependent adult has suffered physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect. The bill would also increase the penalty for failure to report in specified circumstances. Because this bill would expand the definition of, and penalties for, a crime, and increase the reporting duties of local officials, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide *that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

*With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these the statutory provisions noted above.*

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 15630 of the Welfare and~~  
2 ~~Institutions Code is amended to read:~~

1     ~~15630. (a) Any person who has assumed full or~~  
2 ~~intermittent responsibility for care or custody of an elder~~  
3 ~~or dependent adult, whether or not that person receives~~  
4 ~~compensation, including administrators, supervisors, and~~  
5 ~~any licensed staff of a public or private facility that~~  
6 ~~provides care or services for elder or dependent adults,~~  
7 ~~or, any elder or dependent adult care custodian, health~~  
8 ~~practitioner, or employee of a county adult protective~~  
9 ~~services agency or a local law enforcement agency is a~~  
10 ~~mandated reporter.~~

11     ~~(b) Any mandated reporter, who, in his or her~~  
12 ~~professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her~~  
13 ~~employment, has observed or has knowledge of an~~  
14 ~~incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse,~~  
15 ~~observed a physical injury where the nature of the injury,~~  
16 ~~its location on the body, or the repetition of the injury,~~  
17 ~~clearly indicates that physical abuse has occurred, or that~~  
18 ~~abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect has~~  
19 ~~occurred, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that~~  
20 ~~he or she has experienced behavior constituting physical~~  
21 ~~abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or~~  
22 ~~neglect, or reasonably suspects abuse shall report the~~  
23 ~~known or suspected instance of abuse by telephone~~  
24 ~~immediately or as soon as practically possible, and by~~  
25 ~~written report sent within two working days, as follows:~~

26     ~~(1) If the abuse has occurred in a long-term care~~  
27 ~~facility, except a state mental health hospital or a state~~  
28 ~~developmental center, the report shall be made to the~~  
29 ~~local ombudsman or the local law enforcement agency.~~  
30 ~~Except in an emergency, the local ombudsman shall~~  
31 ~~report any case of known or suspected criminal activity~~  
32 ~~to both the Department of Health Services and the~~  
33 ~~Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud as soon as is practical. Except~~  
34 ~~in an emergency, the local ombudsman shall also report~~  
35 ~~any case of possible criminal activity or criminal neglect~~  
36 ~~as soon as is practical to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud.~~  
37 ~~Cases reported to local law enforcement shall also be~~  
38 ~~reported to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud.~~

39     ~~(2) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a~~  
40 ~~state mental health hospital or a state developmental~~

center, the report shall be made to designated investigators of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services or to the local law enforcement agency.

(3) If the abuse has occurred any place other than one described in paragraph (1), the report shall be made to the adult protective services agency or the local law enforcement agency.

(c) (1) Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of, or reasonably suspects that, types of elder or dependent adult abuse for which reports are not mandated have been inflicted upon an elder or dependent adult or that his or her emotional well-being is endangered in any other way, may report the known or suspected instance of abuse.

(2) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a long-term care facility other than a state mental health hospital or a state developmental center, the report may be made to the long-term care ombudsman program.

(3) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a state mental health hospital or a state developmental center, the report may be made to the designated investigator of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services, or to a local law enforcement agency or to the local ombudsman.

(4) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred anywhere else, the report may be made to the county adult protective services agency.

(5) If the conduct involves criminal activity not covered in subdivision (b), it may be immediately reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(d) When two or more mandated reporters are present and jointly have knowledge or reasonably suspect that types of abuse of an elder or a dependent adult for which a report is or is not mandated have occurred, and when there is agreement among them, the telephone report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement, and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting

1 ~~team. Any member who has knowledge that the member~~  
2 ~~designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter~~  
3 ~~make the report.~~

4 ~~(e) A telephone report of a known or suspected~~  
5 ~~instance of elder or dependent adult abuse shall include~~  
6 ~~the name of the person making the report, the name and~~  
7 ~~age of the elder or dependent adult, the present location~~  
8 ~~of the elder or dependent adult, the names and addresses~~  
9 ~~of family members or any other person responsible for the~~  
10 ~~elder or dependent adult's care, if known, the nature and~~  
11 ~~extent of the elder or dependent adult's condition, the~~  
12 ~~date of the incident, and any other information, including~~  
13 ~~information that led that person to suspect elder or~~  
14 ~~dependent adult abuse requested by the agency~~  
15 ~~receiving the report.~~

16 ~~(f) The reporting duties under this section are~~  
17 ~~individual, and no supervisor or administrator shall~~  
18 ~~impede or inhibit the reporting duties, and no person~~  
19 ~~making the report shall be subject to any sanction for~~  
20 ~~making the report. However, internal procedures to~~  
21 ~~facilitate reporting, ensure confidentiality, and apprise~~  
22 ~~supervisors and administrators of reports may be~~  
23 ~~established, provided they are not inconsistent with this~~  
24 ~~chapter.~~

25 ~~(g) (1) Whenever this section requires a county adult~~  
26 ~~protective services agency to report to a law enforcement~~  
27 ~~agency, the law enforcement agency shall, immediately~~  
28 ~~upon request, provide a copy of its investigative report~~  
29 ~~concerning the reported matter to that county adult~~  
30 ~~protective services agency.~~

31 ~~(2) Whenever this section requires a law enforcement~~  
32 ~~agency to report to a county adult protective services~~  
33 ~~agency, the county adult protective services agency shall,~~  
34 ~~immediately upon request, provide a copy of its~~  
35 ~~investigative report concerning the reported matter to~~  
36 ~~that law enforcement agency.~~

37 ~~(3) The requirement to disclose investigative reports~~  
38 ~~pursuant to this subdivision shall not include the~~  
39 ~~disclosure of social services records or case files that are~~  
40 ~~confidential, nor shall this subdivision be construed to~~

1 ~~allow disclosure of any reports or records if the disclosure~~  
2 ~~would be prohibited by any other provision of state or~~  
3 ~~federal law.~~

4 ~~(h) Failure to report physical abuse, abandonment,~~  
5 ~~isolation, financial abuse, or neglect of an elder or~~  
6 ~~dependent adult, in violation of this section, is a~~  
7 ~~misdemeanor, punishable by not more than six months in~~  
8 ~~a county jail or by a fine of not more than one thousand~~  
9 ~~dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.~~  
10 ~~Any mandated reporter who willfully fails to report~~  
11 ~~physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse,~~  
12 ~~or neglect of an elder or dependent adult, in violation of~~  
13 ~~this section, where that abuse results in death or great~~  
14 ~~bodily injury, is punishable by not more than one year in~~  
15 ~~a county jail or by a fine of not more than five thousand~~  
16 ~~dollars (\$5,000) or by both that fine and imprisonment.~~

17 ~~SEC. 2. Section 15630.5 is added to the Welfare and~~  
18 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

19 ~~15630.5. (a) A mandated reporter shall not be~~  
20 ~~required to report, as a suspected incident of abuse, as~~  
21 ~~defined by Section 15610.07, an incident where all of the~~  
22 ~~following conditions exist:~~

23 ~~(1) The mandated reporter has been told by an elder~~  
24 ~~or dependent adult that he or she has experienced~~  
25 ~~behavior constituting physical abuse, abandonment,~~  
26 ~~isolation, financial abuse, or neglect.~~

27 ~~(2) The mandated reporter is not aware of any~~  
28 ~~independent evidence that corroborates the statement~~  
29 ~~that the abuse has occurred.~~

30 ~~(3) The elder or dependent adult has been diagnosed~~  
31 ~~with a mental illness, defect, dementia, or incapacity, or~~  
32 ~~is the subject of a court-ordered conservatorship because~~  
33 ~~of mental illness, defect, or incapacity.~~

34 ~~(4) The mandated reporter reasonably believes that~~  
35 ~~the abuse did not occur.~~

36 ~~(b) In a long-term care facility, a mandated reporter~~  
37 ~~shall not be required to report as a suspected incident of~~  
38 ~~abuse as defined by Section 15610.07, an incident where~~  
39 ~~all of the following conditions exist:~~

1 ~~(1) The mandated reporter is aware that there is a~~  
2 ~~proper plan of care.~~

3 ~~(2) The mandated reporter is aware that the plan of~~  
4 ~~care was properly provided or executed.~~

5 ~~(3) A physical, mental, or medical injury occurred as~~  
6 ~~a result of care provided pursuant to paragraphs (1) and~~  
7 ~~(2).~~

8 ~~(4) The mandated reporter reasonably believes that~~  
9 ~~the injury was not the result of abuse.~~

10 ~~(e) This subdivision is not intended to require or to~~  
11 ~~preclude a mandated reporter from seeking information~~  
12 ~~regarding a known or suspected incident of abuse prior~~  
13 ~~to reporting. This subdivision applies only to those~~  
14 ~~categories of mandated reporters that are determined by~~  
15 ~~the Department of Health Services, upon approval by the~~  
16 ~~bureau and the state long-term care ombudsman, as~~  
17 ~~having access to plans of care and the training and~~  
18 ~~experience necessary to ascertain whether the conditions~~  
19 ~~specified in this section have been met.~~

20 ~~SEC. 3.—~~

21 *SECTION 1. Section 15630 of the Welfare and*  
22 *Institutions Code is amended to read:*

23 15630. (a) Any person who has assumed full or  
24 intermittent responsibility for care or custody of an elder  
25 or dependent adult, whether or not that person receives  
26 compensation, including administrators, supervisors, and  
27 any licensed staff of a public or private facility that  
28 provides care or services for elder or dependent adults,  
29 or any elder or dependent adult care custodian, health  
30 practitioner, or employee of a county adult protective  
31 services agency or a local law enforcement agency is a  
32 mandated reporter.

33 (b) (1) Any mandated reporter, who, in his or her  
34 professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her  
35 employment, has observed or has knowledge of an  
36 incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse,  
37 ~~observed a physical injury where the nature of the injury,~~  
38 ~~its location on the body, or the repetition of the injury~~  
39 ~~clearly indicates that physical abuse has occurred~~  
40 ~~abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or is~~

1 told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has  
2 experienced behavior constituting physical abuse,  
3 abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or  
4 reasonably suspects abuse shall report the known or  
5 suspected instance of abuse by telephone immediately or  
6 as soon as *practically* possible, and by written report sent  
7 within two working days, as follows:

8 ~~(1)~~

9 (A) If the abuse has occurred in a long-term care  
10 facility, except a state mental health hospital or a state  
11 developmental center, the report shall be made to the  
12 local ombudsman or the local law enforcement agency.

13 ~~(2) Except in an emergency, the local ombudsman~~  
14 ~~and the local law enforcement agency shall report any~~  
15 ~~case of known or suspected abuse to the State~~  
16 ~~Department of Health Services and any case of known or~~  
17 ~~suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal~~  
18 ~~Fraud, as soon as is practical.~~

19 (B) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a  
20 state mental health hospital or a state developmental  
21 center, the report shall be made to designated  
22 investigators of the State Department of Mental Health  
23 or the State Department of Developmental Services or to  
24 the local law enforcement agency.

25 ~~(3) Except in an emergency, the local law~~  
26 ~~enforcement agency shall report any case of known or~~  
27 ~~suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal~~  
28 ~~Fraud, as soon as is practical.~~

29 (C) If the abuse has occurred any place other than one  
30 described in ~~paragraph (1)~~ subparagraph (A), the report  
31 shall be made to the adult protective services agency or  
32 the local law enforcement agency.

33 (2) (A) A mandated reporter shall not be required to  
34 report, as a suspected incident of abuse, as defined in  
35 Section 15610.07, an incident where all of the following  
36 conditions exist:

37 (i) The mandated reporter has been told by an elder  
38 or dependent adult that he or she has experienced  
39 behavior constituting physical abuse, abandonment,  
40 isolation, financial abuse, or neglect.

1 (ii) *The mandated reporter is not aware of any*  
2 *independent evidence that corroborates the statement*  
3 *that the abuse has occurred.*

4 (iii) *The elder or dependent adult has been diagnosed*  
5 *with a mental illness, defect, dementia, or incapacity, or*  
6 *is the subject of a court-ordered conservatorship because*  
7 *of a mental illness, defect, dementia, or incapacity.*

8 (iv) *The mandated reporter reasonably believes that*  
9 *the abuse did not occur.*

10 (B) *This paragraph shall not be construed to impose*  
11 *upon mandated reporters a duty to investigate a known*  
12 *or suspected incident of abuse and shall not be construed*  
13 *to lessen or restrict any existing duty of mandated*  
14 *reporters.*

15 (3) (A) *In a long-term care facility, a mandated*  
16 *reporter shall not be required to report as a suspected*  
17 *incident of abuse, as defined in Section 15610.07, an*  
18 *incident where all of the following conditions exist:*

19 (i) *The mandated reporter is aware that there is a*  
20 *proper plan of care.*

21 (ii) *The mandated reporter is aware that the plan of*  
22 *care was properly provided or executed.*

23 (iii) *A physical, mental, or medical injury occurred as*  
24 *a result of care provided pursuant to clause (i) or (ii).*

25 (iv) *The mandated reporter reasonably believes that*  
26 *the injury was not the result of abuse.*

27 (B) *This paragraph shall not be construed to require*  
28 *a mandated reporter to seek, nor to preclude a mandated*  
29 *reporter from seeking, information regarding a known or*  
30 *suspected incident of abuse prior to reporting. This*  
31 *paragraph shall apply only to those categories of*  
32 *mandated reporters that the State Department of Health*  
33 *Services determines, upon approval by the Bureau of*  
34 *Medi-Cal Fraud and the state long-term care*  
35 *ombudsman, have access to plans of care and have the*  
36 *training and experience necessary to determine whether*  
37 *the conditions specified in this section have been met.*

38 (c) (1) *Any mandated reporter who has knowledge*  
39 *of, or reasonably suspects that, types of elder or*  
40 *dependent adult abuse for which reports are not*

1 mandated have been inflicted upon an elder or  
2 dependent adult or that his or her emotional well-being  
3 is endangered in any other way, may report the known or  
4 suspected instance of abuse.

5 (2) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a  
6 long-term care facility other than a state mental health  
7 hospital or a state developmental center, the report may  
8 be made to the long-term care ombudsman program.

9 *Except in an emergency, the local ombudsman shall*  
10 *report any case of known or suspected abuse to the State*  
11 *Department of Health Services and any case of known or*  
12 *suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal*  
13 *Fraud, as soon as is practical.*

14 (3) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a  
15 state mental health hospital or a state developmental  
16 center, the report may be made to the designated  
17 investigator of the State Department of Mental Health or  
18 the State Department of Developmental Services, or to  
19 a local law enforcement agency or to the local  
20 ombudsman. *Except in an emergency, the local*  
21 *ombudsman and the local law enforcement agency shall*  
22 *report any case of known or suspected criminal activity*  
23 *to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud, as soon as is practical.*

24 (4) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred  
25 ~~anywhere else~~ *in a place other than a place described in*  
26 *paragraph (2) or (3), the report may be made to the*  
27 *county adult protective services agency.*

28 (5) If the conduct involves criminal activity not  
29 covered in subdivision (b), it may be immediately  
30 reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

31 (d) When two or more mandated reporters are  
32 present and jointly have knowledge or reasonably suspect  
33 that types of abuse of an elder or a dependent adult for  
34 which a report is or is not mandated have occurred, and  
35 when there is agreement among them, the telephone  
36 report may be made by a member of the team selected  
37 by mutual agreement, and a single report may be made  
38 and signed by the selected member of the reporting  
39 team. Any member who has knowledge that the member

1 designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter  
2 make the report.

3 (e) A telephone report of a known or suspected  
4 instance of elder or dependent adult abuse shall include  
5 the name of the person making the report, the name and  
6 age of the elder or dependent adult, the present location  
7 of the elder or dependent adult, the names and addresses  
8 of family members or any other person responsible for the  
9 elder or dependent adult's care, if known, the nature and  
10 extent of the elder or dependent adult's condition, the  
11 date of the incident, and any other information, including  
12 information that led that person to suspect elder or  
13 dependent adult abuse, requested by the agency  
14 receiving the report.

15 (f) The reporting duties under this section are  
16 individual, and no supervisor or administrator shall  
17 impede or inhibit the reporting duties, and no person  
18 making the report shall be subject to any sanction for  
19 making the report. However, internal procedures to  
20 facilitate reporting, ensure confidentiality, and apprise  
21 supervisors and administrators of reports may be  
22 established, provided they are not inconsistent with this  
23 chapter.

24 (g) (1) Whenever this section requires a county adult  
25 protective services agency to report to a law enforcement  
26 agency, the law enforcement agency shall, immediately  
27 upon request, provide a copy of its investigative report  
28 concerning the reported matter to that county adult  
29 protective services agency.

30 (2) Whenever this section requires a law enforcement  
31 agency to report to a county adult protective services  
32 agency, the county adult protective services agency shall,  
33 immediately upon request, provide a copy of its  
34 investigative report concerning the reported matter to  
35 that law enforcement agency.

36 (3) The requirement to disclose investigative reports  
37 pursuant to this subdivision shall not include the  
38 disclosure of social services records or case files that are  
39 confidential, nor shall this subdivision be construed to  
40 allow disclosure of any reports or records if the disclosure

1 would be prohibited by any other provision of state or  
2 federal law.

3 (h) Failure to report physical abuse, *abandonment*,  
4 *isolation*, *financial abuse*, or *neglect* of an elder or  
5 dependent adult, in violation of this section, is a  
6 misdemeanor, punishable by not more than six months in  
7 the county jail or by a fine of not more than one thousand  
8 dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.  
9 *Any mandated reporter who willfully fails to report*  
10 *physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse,*  
11 *or neglect of an elder or dependent adult, in violation of*  
12 *this section, where that abuse results in death or great*  
13 *bodily injury, is punishable by not more than one year in*  
14 *a county jail or by a fine of not more than five thousand*  
15 *dollars (\$5,000) or by both that fine and imprisonment.*

16 SEC. 2. Section 15633 of the Welfare and Institutions  
17 Code is amended to read:

18 15633. (a) The reports made pursuant to Sections  
19 15630 and 15631 shall be confidential and may be disclosed  
20 only as provided in subdivision (b). Any violation of the  
21 confidentiality required by this chapter is a misdemeanor  
22 punishable by not more than six months in the county jail,  
23 by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500), or by both that  
24 fine and imprisonment.

25 (b) Reports of suspected elder or dependent adult  
26 abuse and information contained therein may be  
27 disclosed only to the following:

28 (1) Persons or agencies ~~described in subdivision (a)~~  
29 ~~and (b) of~~ *to whom disclosure of information or the*  
30 *identity of the reporting party is permitted under Section*  
31 *15633.5.*

32 (2) (A) Persons who are trained and qualified to serve  
33 on multidisciplinary personnel teams may disclose to one  
34 another information and records that are relevant to the  
35 prevention, identification, or treatment of abuse of  
36 elderly or dependent persons.

37 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (A), any  
38 personnel of the multidisciplinary team or agency that  
39 receives information pursuant to this chapter, shall be  
40 under the same obligations and subject to the same

1 confidentiality penalties as the person disclosing or  
2 providing that information. The information obtained  
3 shall be maintained in a manner that ensures the  
4 maximum protection of privacy and confidentiality  
5 rights.

6 (c) This section shall not be construed to allow  
7 disclosure of any reports or records relevant to the reports  
8 of elder or dependent adult abuse if the disclosure would  
9 be prohibited by any other provisions of state or federal  
10 law applicable to the reports or records relevant to the  
11 reports of the abuse.

12 ~~SEC. 4.—~~

13 SEC. 3. Section 15653.5 is added to the Welfare and  
14 Institutions Code, to read:

15 ~~15653.5. Specific training for determining when to~~  
16 ~~refer for potential criminal action a report of a known or~~  
17 ~~suspected instance of abuse that occurred in a long-term~~  
18 ~~care facility~~

19 15653.5. Training for determining when to refer a  
20 report of a known or suspected instance of abuse that  
21 occurred in a long-term care facility for potential criminal  
22 action shall be included in the training provided by the  
23 Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud pursuant to subdivision (h) of  
24 Section 12528 of the Government Code.

25 ~~SEC. 5.—~~

26 SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act  
27 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
28 Constitution for certain costs that may be incurred by a  
29 local agency or school district because in that regard this  
30 act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime  
31 or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or  
32 infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the  
33 Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime  
34 within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
35 California Constitution.

36 However, notwithstanding Section 17610 of the  
37 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates  
38 determines that this act contains other costs mandated by  
39 the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school  
40 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7

1 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title  
2 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the  
3 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million  
4 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from  
5 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

6 Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
7 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
8 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
9 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

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11 CORRECTIONS

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